

DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

We, Robert Naylor LAURIE

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declare that we are citizens of the Republic of South Africa,

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that we verily believe that we are the original, first, and sole inventors of the invention or discovery entitled TRACE ELEMENTS, the specification of which is;

[X] is attached hereto

[] was filed on _____

as application serial No _____

and was amended on _____

that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; that we do not know and do not believe that this invention or discovery was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention or discovery thereof; that we do not know and do not believe that this invention or discovery was ever patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention or discovery thereof or more than one year prior to this application; that we do not know and do not believe that this invention or discovery was in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application; that we acknowledge our duty to disclose information to which we are aware which is material to the examination of this application; that this invention or discovery has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by us or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months before this application; and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention or discovery has been filed by us or our representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America, except as follows.

South African provisional patent application number 2000/4456 filed on 28 August 2000.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of

Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

As named inventors, we hereby appoint the registered practitioners of LARSON & TAYLOR associated with Customer Number 000881 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Direct all correspondence to that Customer Number.

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Wherefore, we pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

Signed at , Republic of South Africa, this 14 August 2001

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